

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Dr ERNEST O MELBY, dean, N Y Univ School of Education: "Today teachers are fighting for their lives. What use is there in teaching reading to people if what they read will be determined by a politburo; if they become intellectual slaves to a McCarthy?" . . .

[2] *Resolution adopted by American Ass'n of University Professors, condemning Congressional investigations of education:* "Political misuse of legal processes (and other methods of) boycotting the creative mind are among the most dangerous enemies of free society." . . .

[3] Gen JAS A VAN FLEET, former commander of 8th Army in Korea, commenting on Communist agreement to exchange sick and wounded war prisoners: "I think it is wonderful." . . . [4] Dr ARTHUR S FLEMMING, Acting Director, Office of Defense Mobilization: "All physically fit young men are going to have to give at least 2 yrs of their lives to military service for a long time to come." . . .

[5] Sir GLADWYN JEBB, British del-

### Quote of the Week

*From the text of a statement on Academic Freedom, issued by The Ass'n of American Universities, following the refusal of numerous educators to testify before Congressional investigators as to their Communist affiliations:* "'Academic freedom' does not include freedom from criticism. . . Invocation of the Fifth Amendment places upon a professor a heavy burden of proof of his fitness to hold a teaching position, and lays upon his university an obligation to re-examine his qualifications for membership in its society." (The statement asserts that academic freedom must be guaranteed to professors and scholars, but it should not include right to membership in Communist party.)

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egate to UN: "It is not for the free world to say when the cold war will diminish. Communists must make clear by deeds that the climate is changing."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Soviet conciliatory gestures are of interest primarily because of the recent reorganization. Actually, nothing new in the technique. Moscow has turned to "peace propaganda" at intervals when the course has served sound political purpose. But with Malenkov as an unknown factor, there is perhaps a little more inclination in the West to cock a receptive ear. The "deeds-not-words" philosophy prevails. But, diplomatically, we are waiting with a trace of cautious hope.

While a red dove may violate the laws of nature, it is conceivable that Malenkov, for his own reasons, may be seeking peace in Korea. Consider what such a move would mean in prestige for the new premier. And the propaganda value for the Red cause would be incalculable. While the West might be disastrously lulled, the Soviet would gain time to further strengthen its war machine.

Discount talk of fewer draftees. True, some temporary cutbacks. Several reasons, including fact that enlistments rise in Summer. But the over-all picture is unchanged. Mathematics. We can't cut under 450,000 replacements a yr and maintain armed forces at 3.6 million level.

Sec'y Benson has lost his campaign to induce cotton farmers to reduce acreage. Indications are they'll actually plant *more* this yr. He hoped to avoid fed'l control of plantings thru a program of persuasion. Now, certainly, there will be production and mktg controls on '54 crop.

No indication other auto makers will follow Chrysler price cuts, but move will assuredly affect trade-in values. And '54 models will be priced for keenly competitive battle.

London hotels and all motels within 25-mi radius now fully booked for June. Some private ap'ts still to be had at \$200-400 wkly. . . Poignant little ad in *London Times*: "FOR SALE: Countess' Coronation robe, med size, only worn once."



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted."  
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Charles William Ferguson



#### AGE—Retirement—1

By 1975 the average man can look forward to 9 yrs of retirement before he dies, compared with only 6 yrs today and 3 in 1900.—*Education Digest*.

#### AGRICULTURE—2

Someday . . . I believe that just as we have certified milk, we will have certification of soil. . . The content of a plant is a mirror of the content of the soil from which the plant comes. If the good is in the soil, then you can get it by eating the plant that comes from that soil. To be healthy, you must have the good minerals that are present in good earth.—GAYELORD HAUSER, *Be Happier, Be Healthier* (Farrar, Straus & Young).

#### ATOMIC AGE—3

Because of security regulations it is impossible today or in the foreseeable future to have a frank, rational, searching discussion of industrial uses of atomic energy.—JAS B CONANT, *Science Digest*.

#### AVIATION—4

Based on a typical engine with afterburner, jet plane engines cost only \$2.56 per horsepower—an astoundingly low figure when compared with the average cost per horsepower of a diesel engine (\$50), an electric motor (\$50), or a typical outboard motor (\$35).—*Planes*, hm, Aircraft Industries Ass'n of America.

#### BEHAVIOR—5

One day the gatekeeper at a famous race track drew his life's savings out of a bank and sent the entire \$1,200 to his nephew to help him thru college. When asked why he did it, he had a simple explanation: "Day in and day out, I watch men bet on horses and lose their shirts," he said. "The way I figure it, a fellow might make a killing if he bet on a human being." — ROY M PEARSON, *Here's a Faith For You* (Abingdon-Cokesbury).

#### CENSORSHIP—6

We all agree, of course, that our textbooks should be American, that they should not be the vehicle for the propagation of obnoxious doctrines. Yet the review of textbooks by self appointed experts, especially when undertaken under the aegis of an organization having an ax to grind, smacks too much of the book-burning orgies of Nuremberg to be accepted by thoughtful Americans without foreboding and alarm.—Report of the House Select Comm on Lobbying Activities.

#### CHILDREN—Guidance—7

Many modern parents feel that youngsters should not be forced or frustrated. We don't know what world they're preparing their kids to live in, but it surely can't be the one we're up against.—*Changing Times*.

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## Washington

LES & LIZ CARPENTER

Pres Eisenhower gets a kick out of telling about his new caddie, named Cemetery. "He used to caddie for good golfers," the Pres explains, "but now he's in with the Gov't crowd and it's beginning to affect his vocabulary. The other day I happened to get a fair shot, and Cemetery observed, 'Mr President, that was prodigious!'"

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Sen John Bricker (R-Ohio) has a new definition for a crackpot: a "psychoceramic."

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"Don't call me madam!" is the word from Clare Boothe Luce, new ambassador to Italy. She'll be termed "Excellency" in Europe and "Ambassador Luce" in U S.

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Composer Deems Taylor, presiding at Nat'l Press Club luncheon for ASCAP: "The only use for a toastmaster is that he's the punk to set off the fireworks."

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Washington's high-toned Jeeveses hold their annual dance Apr 8. Their dates (maids of the rich) will wear black dresses and white uniforms; butlers will don white ties and tails. Evening climax: take-off on Washington society, which most Washington society would like to see.

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The dog of Sen Warren Magnuson's sec'y now wears a hearing aid—after a trip to a Phila psychiatrist. Dog's neurosis improved.

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## COMMUNICATION—8

One chief tragedy in today's world is our widespread inability to communicate. Not only is the Iron Curtain lowered between nations; it is also daily and hrly lowered between individuals and groups.—HARRY A OVERSTREET, *The Great Enterprise* (Norton).

## COMMUNISM—9

Civil liberties do not protect all actions. Certain acts, for example murder, are barred. Mbrship in the Communist Party is morally an act comparable to murder. Mass murder in fact. Morally every Communist or Nazi mbr is up to his elbows in the blood of his party's victims (Belchen, Dachau, Katyn, Korea). — PETER VIERECK, *Shame and Glory of the Intellectuals* (Beacon).

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Communism is a religion and we can fight against Communism with success only if we possess another religion which is stronger, more dynamic and more vital than Communism itself.—EZRA TAFT BENSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, addressing Central Livestock Ass'n.

## COURAGE—10

The essence of courage is not that your heart should not quake, but that nobody else should know that it does.—E F BENSON, *Prairie Farmer*.

## CRIME—11

Statistics show that a major crime was committed in the U S every 15.5 seconds in '52. . . One crime was committed for every 76 persons in our population.—J EDGAR HOOVER, director, Fed'l Bureau of Investigation.

# Mining the Magazines



Some wks ago *Look* carried an editorial feature, the gist of which was that the current high price of books is adversely affecting people who would like to read more, but can't afford to make frequent purchases at the book stalls. The assertion has just been analyzed by Curtis G Benjamin, pres, McGraw-Hill Book Co, who points out that while *Look* has increased its newsstand price 50% in the past 12 yrs, novels in the same period, have advanced only an average of 26%, non-fiction, 30 to 40%. . . Taking a look at the Canadian situation, Virginia Brass, in *Canadian Business* (Mar) rep'ts: "Some Canadians say, 'Book prices are so high we can't afford to read,' to which the publishers respond: 'If Canadians were readers, books would cost less.'". . . John K Hutchens, in *House & Garden* (Apr) contends that with public and lending libraries and low-priced editions, "the world of books is open to all, and filled with interesting ideas." He reminds us that the average person reads 18,000 words an hr. What are we waiting for?

Seems hardly possible that 18 yrs have passed since MacKinlay Kantor wrote *The Voice of Bugle Ann*, that wonderful tale of hill folk and hunting dogs. Now, there is a sequel, *The Daughter of Bugle Ann*. *Ladies' Home Jnl* will publish the novelette complete in its Apr issue. Random House issues in book form (\$2) Apr 15.

Discussing fungus infections—athlete's foot, ringworm, etc—Dr Roger Baker, in *Jnl of the American Medical Ass'n* observes: "Amputation of a leg . . . is effective in eradicating the disease permanently."

Starting Apr 1, Dep't of Commerce will sponsor a periodical designed to spread the news about Uncle Sam, world's biggest spender. It is called *Synopsis of U S Gov't Procurements & Contract Awards*. It lists formally advertised and negotiated unclassified contracts, with quantities and dollar am'ts for contracts over \$25,000. There is also a listing of subcontracting opportunities, as well as procurement possibilities for small business firms. Issued daily, Monday thru Friday. Subscription: \$7 a yr. Send check (payable to Treasurer of the U S) to U S Dep't of Commerce, Administration Service Office, Room 1300, New P O Bldg, 433 W Van Buren St, Chicago.

*Barron's*, the financial wkly, has been looking into the highly secretive seed business. None of the big factors will give out figures, but it is estimated that flower seeds acc't for about \$2 million volume annually; vegetable seeds, \$27 million at wholesale prices.

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## DEMOCRACY—12

The whole genius and strength of democracy is epitomized in the man who prefers the better because he understands the worse.—A WHITNEY GRISWOLD, pres of Yale Univ, *Atlantic*.

## EDUCATION—Freedom—13

Colleges cannot teach the whole truth. They do not possess it. They are engaged in the quest for truth. For that reason, teachers and students must be free to examine and test all facts and ideas.—Dr HILDA THRELKELD, dean of women, Univ of Louisville.

## EDUCATION—Tests—14

It is est'd that school children in this country took more than a hundred million standardized tests in the past school yr, an average of 3 per pupil.—Editorial, *Calif Jnl of Secondary Education*.

## ENLIGHTENMENT—15

We agree it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness, but it is only when we try to light a candle that we find how dark it is.—Sister MARY ALOISE, *Catholic Educational Review*.

## FAMILY LIFE—16

A man has to make around \$20,000 a yr before he can afford to hire all his wife's work done, insurance counselors say. If he makes about \$5,000, then the wife is contributing more to the family income than he is—just by running the house and taking care of the children. — CAROLINE BIRD, "Your Cash Value As a Wife," *Today's Woman*, 3-53.

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## FREE ENTERPRISE—17

Our economy has the tremendous advantage of possessing 3½ million business enterprises outside of agriculture and about 6 million business enterprises in agriculture . . . nearly 10 million places where innovations may be authorized. No regimented economy can hope to compete in dynamic drive with an economy which possesses nearly 10 million independent centers of initiative. — SUMNER SLICHTER, Harvard economist.

## FREE WORLD—18

In this constricted economic pond of the free world, the U S moves like a giant whale. With each lazy swish of his tail, the smaller fish swim for their lives. And if the whale begins to thrash about in earnest, his neighbors are in danger of being flung—not just up the creek, but completely out of the creek.—HENRY FORD II, pres, Ford Motor Co, at winter mtg of Inland Daily Press Ass'n, Chicago.

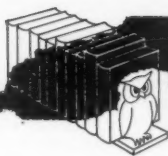
## GOD—and Man—19

I noticed that some of the prayers Augustus read sounded strangely in my ears. Then I discovered that he had neatly inked out many lines in the Prayer Book. I asked him why.

"I've crossed out all the passages in glorification of God," he said. "God is certainly a gentleman, and no gentleman cares to be praised to his face. It is tactless, impertinent and vulgar. I think all that fulsome adulation must be highly offensive to Him." — W SOMERSET MAUGHAM, *The Vagrant Mood: Six Essays* (Doubleday).

"Too many people 'play like God'—instead of being like God.—SANDIE STEVENS.

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## Book Briefs

One of the more gratifying developments of recent yrs is the remarkable progress achieved by university presses. A decade or so ago, the typical school press (there were, even then, some striking exceptions!) published a few dull books by faculty mbrs who could not readily find a trade outlet. Today, the university presses are not only publishing better books, they are merchandising them much more aggressively. We were forcibly reminded of this fact recently when Mich State College Press took the 2 front covers, plus an add'l page in *Publishers' Wkly* to announce a strong Spring list.

Now comes (and rather quickly, too) the Stalin Aftermath. Isaac Deutscher is rushing a 50,000-word commentary, *After Stalin—What?* Oxford, late May. . . But Martin Ebon seems to be the most favored by fortune, or perhaps more accurately we should say the most enterprising of current commentators. He began, 4 yrs ago, gathering data on the new Russian Premier, is now completing *Malenkov: The Career and Policies of the New Soviet Premier*. McGraw-Hill hopes to publish in Apr or May.

Thos B Costain's *The Silver Chalice* has sold 250,000 copies thru the trade, with brisk Easter volume yet to come. The author is now at work on a novel based upon the life of Atilla the Hun. Doubleday will publish.

Gallup Poll recently asked adults in 6 countries: "Are you reading any books at the present time?" In England, 55% ans'd affirmatively; Norway, 43%; Canada, 40%; Australia, 35%; Sweden, 33%; United States (alas!) 18%.

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Commenting on *The Legendary Mizners* by Alva Johnston (Farrar, Straus & Young) Harry Hansen makes the point that good anecdotes never die; they deserve to be retold every 10 yrs, so that new readers can enjoy them. There was a day when it sometimes seemed that every good story with a theatrical or literary background was either told by or related to Wilson Mizner. (His brother Addison, the architect, was less publicized, but equally colorful.) Some of the anecdotes are admittedly a trifle tattered, but there is much here to delight a current generation, and no story is old so long as there are ears that have not heard it.

Spring, it must be remembered, brings not only the birds and bees, but also the bugs. Dep't of Agriculture has a new booklet you may find helpful: *Vegetable Gardeners' Handbook on Insects & Diseases*. Send 20 cts to Sup't of Documents, Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D C.

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### May Day

The 1st of May, as a festival of merrymaking, has been so widely celebrated—and by so many diverse peoples—that its origin has long been lost in medieval mists. Maybe it was just an instinctively joyous outburst resulting from the arrival of the month which some sentimental soul has termed "Spring's last-born darling."

The crowning of a May Queen is still a well-observed ceremonial. On such occasions, a ruffled-and-ribboned female of tender yrs is pretty sure to recite Tennyson's familiar lines from the May Queen. They begin, as you may too well recall:

You must wake and call me early,  
call me early, mother dear,  
Tomorrow'll be the happiest time  
of all the glad New-year;  
Of all the glad New-year, mother,  
the maddest, merriest day;  
For I'm to be Queen o' the May,  
mother, I'm to be Queen o' the  
May.

There's many a black, black eye,  
they say, but none so bright as  
mine;  
There's Margaret and Mary, there's  
Kate and Caroline;  
But none so fair as little Alice in  
all the land, they say,  
So I'm to be Queen o' the May,  
mother, I'm to be Queen o' the  
May.

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### GOOD—Evil—20

Goodness is easier to recognize than to define; only the greatest novelists can portray good people.  
—W H AUDEN, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

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### Here's How it Happened

Come May 1st, we'll celebrate the 80th birthday of post cards in the U S. But they are not an American invention.

Germany originated postal cards; Great Britain popularized them. The term "postal" designates card with gov't stamp imprinted, while "post" means picture or message cards to which senders affix stamps.

Whether "post" or "postal," cards have proved a great convenience. Tho the postage is now 2 cts, they remain a popular form of communication. What with pictured "wish-you-were-here's", fancy holiday greetings, and plain reminders of the "your-book-is-over-due" type, we dispatch an average of 5 million cards a day—434 mi's of mail!—B L BUSCH. 21

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### GUIDANCE—22

A blind man one day was tapping his way along the rd. High in the air he held a blazing torch. A stranger, encountering him, asked, "Why do you carry a torch in broad daylight? You are blind; what can you expect to see?" "The torch," ans'd the blind man, "is not to light my way, but the way of others—that they may see me, that they may aid me in avoiding the pitfalls of the rd!" — ICKO WAKMANN, *American Horologist & Jeweler.*



# Pathways to the Past



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Week of  
Apr 26-May 2  
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Nat'l Baby Wk (26-May 7)

U S - Canada Good-Will Wk  
(26-May 2)

Nat'l Correct-Posture Wk (1-7)

Nat'l Hearth-Baked Bread Wk  
(2-9)

Let's Go Fishing (May)

Milk Festival (May)

Spring Carnival of Automatic Gas  
Ranges (May)

**Apr 26** — *Confederate Memorial Day* (observed by several states of the former Confederacy)... 1st U S engineering society of note, Boston Society of Civil Engineers, org 105 yrs ago... 55 yrs ago today Congress authorized increasing the regular army to 60,000, at outset of Spanish-American War.

**Apr 27**—Pres Geo Washington issued the 1st U S Proclamation of Neutrality 160 yrs ago (in the war of Great Britain and allies against France)... Remember the yellow baseball? On theory that a brightly-colored sphere could be seen to better advantage, a yellow ball with red stitches was 1st tested in game between Columbia and Fordham univ's at N Y C 15 yrs ago. Idea failed to "catch on"... 1st woman of American descent to become a European queen was Countess Geraldine Apponyi. She married King Zog, of Albania 15 yrs ago today.

**Apr 28**—Jas Monroe, 5th pres of U S, author of Monroe Doctrine, b 195 yrs ago... 1st American author to make a living from writing

was Chas B Brown, of N Y C and Phila. His book, *Alcuin*, pub 155 yrs ago today, was earliest American work to champion rights of women.

**Apr 29**—1st rubber patent issued 140 yrs ago to Jacob Hummel, Phila, for "varnish of elastic gum" to waterproof shoes. (Goodyear's patent issued 24 yrs later.)

**Apr 30**—*Feast of St Catherine of Siena* (one of 6 Catherines noted in catalog of saints)... 150th anniv of Louisiana Purchase (U S acquired tract from France for total considerations approx \$27 million, or about 4 cts an acre).

**May 1**—*Feasts of St James the Less & St Philip*. . . *May Day*. . . *Child Health Day*. . . U S Gov't penny postal card authorized 80 yrs ago. . . World's Columbian Exposition (marking 400th anniv of discovery of America) opened at Chicago by Pres Cleveland 60 yrs ago. . . Battle of Manila Bay, in which Adm Dewey achieved a great victory, 55 yrs ago.

**May 2**—Gold discovered in Adler Gulch, Montana, 90 yrs ago. (Virginia City sprang up literally over night)... Pres Wilson recognized Republic of China 40 yrs ago. . . 1st trans-continental non-stop airplane flight was made 30 yrs ago. Lts Kelly & Macready flew a Fokker T2 monoplane 2700 mi's in 26 hrs 50 min's.

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## "Of all things!"

Our modern Civil Service system, now in its 70th yr, is a beautiful theory. Most of us subscribe to the belief that competent individuals should be permitted to make a profession of public service, unharassed by transient political considerations.

But there are practical aspects that cannot be evaded. Civil Service has been extended, particularly in the past 20 yrs, to a point where it now embraces 95% of permanent Gov't workers, including thousands in important administrative and policy-making posts. Incredibly, Republicans did not realize the extent of this encroachment. Now, at every turn, they find unsympathetic Democrats who cannot be readily ousted. (When Oveta Culp Hobby stepped into Fed'l Security Agency she learned that out of 37,500 employees she had authority to fire only 6.)

With Fair Deal Democratic administrators either calling the signals or dragging their feet on corrective programs, the heralded "change" is slowed to snail speed. And, besides, there's the matter of patronage—a practical political necessity. They're getting hungry in the hinterland. What to do? That's the No 1 problem now engaging Republican legal minds.

Now comes the "male plane"—United's new *Executive*, a non-stop flight, between Chicago & N Y, for men only. Cigars and pipes will be permitted.

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### LANGUAGE—23

A group of alumni once asked a Lafayette college prof why undergrads were compelled to take so many English courses. The prof repl'd, "In order to teach them a language other than their own."—*Minnesota Jnl of Education*.

### MAN—24

Belonging to a nation, man has nations that can speak for him. Belonging to a religion, man has religions that can speak for him. Belonging to an economic and social order, man has economic or political orders that can speak for him. But belonging to the human race, man is without a spokesman.

—NORMAN COUSINS, *Who Speaks For Man?* (Macmillan).

### PROGRESS—25

If recorded history were scaled on the face of a clock, and if the period from the beginning to 1850 were to be represented by the time from midnight until 20 min's before noon, the last 20 min's would stand for the remaining century.

Yet during that last 20 min's, economic progress — measured by the increase in the production of one man in one hr—was as great as the 700 min's preceding.—*Brookings Institution rep't*.

### PROPAGANDA—26

"Don't worry about the agitator on the street corner," said a wise o'd chief of police. "You know what he is thinking. Save your worry for the one who whispers into your ear at polite dinner parties."—ROY L SMITH, "Well-Meaning and Misguided," *Christian Advocate*, 3-19-'53.

## REFORM—27

At 18 a lad wants and really expects to reform the whole world; at 30 he concentrates on his own country; at 40, on his state; and by the time he is 60, he has to center his efforts on himself if he's going to reach 80. — GILES FRENCH, *Moro (Ore) Jnl.*

## RESEARCH—28

It is now fashionable to play down the individual and build up the team. In some organizations, the situation is so bad that research is carried on by committees. . . . When it comes to a committee directing research, the cycle is completed. We start with no research, and we end with no research.—W K STRATFORD, "Scientists Aren't Sausages," *Canadian Business*, 3-52.

## RUSSIA—29

I will tell you what I think about the Russian situation: Nothing. And as often as possible.—ROB'T C RUARK, *United Feature Syndicate*.

## SPEECH—Speaking—30

A lot of elocutionists can tell us how to talk, but what we want to know is *when*.—*Milam Messenger*. hm, John M Milam Optical Co.

## THEORY—Practice—31

Karl Marx was called a sociologist. But he was not a sociologist at all. He was a mathematician. Consider a problem in arithmetic: If one boy can mow a lawn in 2 hrs, how long will it take 2 boys? The answer: 1 hr—2 boys would take half the time that one boy would take. But this is mathematics. In fact, the 2 boys would start talking, arguing, wrestling; they

## It's an IDEA

The Ohio State Univ yrbook will include a phonograph record on which will be presented highlights of the school yr. . . . Persons over 60 yrs of age may attend any evening class as guests of the Univ of Dayton.—College & University.

would get their lawnmowers hopelessly entangled, go off for a swim and never come back. That is sociology. This is the sense in which I say Marx was a mathematician and not a sociologist. He solved all social problems without reference to the human element. He had only to look at the 1st man he met to see that the Classless Society would not work.—F J SHEED, *Society & Sanity* (Sheed & Ward).

## THOUGHT—32

Wrong thinking creates every crisis. — G C C *Sidelights*, hm, Gen'l Credit Corp'n, Denver.

## TOLERANCE—33

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.—*Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

## WAR—34

The Korean War to date (March 9) has caused 130,093 casualties, cost \$20 billion, and consumed 438,000 tons of bombs. 3,600,000 men have been mobilized, or within 400,000 of the total mobilized during World War I. — *Survey Bulletin*.

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# Good Stories.....

you can use

A Mexican who entered the U S wanted to learn the language before he ventured about, so he got a job in the kitchen of a restaurant, working there every day and sleeping nights in a room above. By careful listening to the talk around him he finally achieved a working knowledge of the language, so he quit and sallied forth. Only to learn he'd been working for 2 yrs in a Greek restaurant!—  
OLLIE M JAMES, *Cincinnati Enquirer*. a

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I was having afternoon coffee with a group of other young mothers while our children played outside. As we were enjoying ourselves exchanging tidbits of news and housekeeping notes, a youngster rushed excitedly into the room. He reported that Mrs T's little girl and Mrs R's little boy were playing 'just got married' out on the sidewalk.

The 2 mothers exchanged startled glances, gasped, dropped their coffee cups, and rushed outside—just in time to see the 2 children whiz around a corner on their tricycles each dragging a tin can on a string.—Mrs WILBURT VOLLENWEIDER, *Family Circle*. b

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Cartoon of little boy kneeling at his bedside: “Mom, do you suppose it will be all right if I put in a commercial about a new bike?”—  
STAN FINE, *Country Gentleman*. c

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

EDITH M SKINNER

One of my piano pupils remarked that a teacher of music from a neighboring city was visiting his grandmother. He thought I might know her.

As I could not quite place the name, I asked my pupil a few questions concerning the visitor. “Perhaps,” I suggested, “you could give me some idea as to the age group in which she belongs.”

The lad, after some reflection, replied, “Well, I should think she would belong in the middle ages.”

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The afterdinner speaker had talked for 15 min's. “After partaking of such a meal,” he continued, “I feel if I had eaten another bite, I would be unable to speak.” From the far end of the table came an order to the waiter: “Give him a sandwich.” — *Mountaineer*. d

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Aboard a Canadian frigate, Stoker 1st-class Jones was taking an examination for promotion. “What steps should be taken in case of a leaky tube in the boiler?” asked the chief engineer. Jones pondered briefly. “The boiler room steps, sir,” he ans'd brightly, “2 at a time.”—*California Pelican*. e

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Cracks

The great detective was shown into the boss' office. "Look," said the boss, "I've been robbed of thousands. Some robber has been round the country posing as one of our collectors and has simply coined money. In a wk he collected more than all our travellers put together. Find him at once—and spare no expense." The great detective rose to his feet. "In a wk he'll be in jail—I guarantee it."

"Jail?" roared the boss. "I want to give him a job!"—*Man's Shop*, hm, House of Ensign (S Africa). f

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An American farmer was taking a vacation in a small town in the south of France and upon his arrival he could understand none. The men spoke French, the women spoke French, and the children jabbered away in the same tongue. In the height of his perplexity he retired to his hotel and was awakened early in the morning by a rooster crowing. He burst into a wild exclamation of astonishment and delight, crying: "Thank goodness! An American at last!"—*Christian Science Monitor*. g

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A burly policeman was on duty controlling the crowds during a visit by the Queen to Dorchester, England. Before the Royal car came into sight a small lady close behind him on the sidewalk asked plaintively: "Can't they put a narrower policeman here?"—*Woman*, h London.

A husband's better judgment is what tells him not to insist on it.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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People would be only too glad to attend to their own business—if the gov't would give it back.—DAN BENNETT.

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The man who doesn't know where his money is going these days just can't see fast-moving objects.—O A BATTISTA.

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Speaking of acrobats, there's the fellow who has his nose to the grindstone and his back to the wall.—Chicago Sun-Times.

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The only things that children wear out faster than shoes are parents and teachers.—N Carolina Education.

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The "good old days" date back to the time when marriages produced triangles on the clothes-line rather than in the courtroom.—D O FLYNN, Country Gentleman.

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The most reliable thing about some people is the assurance that they will be unreliable.—P K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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In free America, a street sweeper can become a professor—if he's willing to make the financial sacrifice.—Wall St Jnl.

Quote

## Dilley-Dallying

by Jim Dilley



When they talk about "cutting" taxes we fail to enthuse. In our opinion they have reached the size where hacking them with a battle axe would only scratch them a trifle.

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The surest way to avoid torch carrying is by having nothing but light loves.

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We always keep our head down when we play golf. Our game affects us that way.

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A girl who burns the candle at both ends usually winds up in the middle — between a couple of flames.

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Missiles "that aim themselves" aren't anything new. Automobiles have been aiming themselves at pedestrians for years.

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A small boy of our acquaintance, who lives in the Humboldt Park area of Chicago, recently came home from Sunday school as pleased as punch. He had, he said, learned a new Bible verse: "Jesus is sneaking thru Humboldt Park." His mother, understandably baffled, finally gave in to her curiosity, phoned the teacher and asked for an explanation. Teacher supplied the proper version: "Jesus is seeking a humble heart."

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A city couple visiting a country couple, old friends who had taken over a general store in the Ozarks, were helping out in the emporium when a local family, shabby, toll-worn, and furrowed of brow, trooped in. After they had made a few modest purchases and trooped out, the visiting lady asked the resident lady, "What do poor souls like that do for a living up here in the winter?" "Oh," said her hostess, "they record hillbilly songs for RCA."—*New Yorker*.

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Chivalry seems to fade a little with each succeeding generation. A father whose young son had been to his first dance said to him: "It makes you feel silly, doesn't it, the first time you go up to a girl and say, 'May I have this dance, please?'"

The boy looked shocked. "Oh, I didn't say anything as oldfashioned as that. I just strolled round and looked 'em over till I saw one that was pretty. Then I pointed to her and said: 'You'll do.'"—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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A man came back to his old home town and began a round of visits. When he saw an elderly man sawing wood in his yard he walked back to say hello. "My old friend Mr Piper," he declared, shaking hands. "And still sawing wood the old-fashioned way. Do you know you could saw twice as much if you got an electric saw?" The native nodded and smiled, knowingly. "Matter of fact," he repl'd, "I don't need twice as much" — *Christian Science Monitor*.

My 4-yr-old daughter defined nursery school as "a place where they try to teach children who hit, not to hit; and children who don't hit, to hit back."—*Parents' Mag.* m



### Spring Training

Baseball announcers on TV and radio are now being given spring training.—*News item.*

In balmy climes where ball meets glove

And fielders field a bouncer,  
Where pitcher's arm and batter's eye

Are daily sharpened, made more spry,

There too is the announcer.

He loosens up his vocal chords,  
Removing all constriction,  
Then standing close beside a mike  
He practices his "Ball" and "Strike"

And polishes his diction.

With stop watch in his hand, he checks

The speed of his delivery,  
And gives advice to rookies whom  
He tosses words to, tries to groom  
And keep from being shivery.

Where skies are blue and turf is green

And bathers breast the combers,  
The sports announcer doffs his coat

And clucks his tongue and clears his throat

And bats out verbal homers.

A little girl came home from her first summer-camp experience. She had received various awards for woodcraft, hiking and such. Among these was a small star. Her mother asked for what achievement the star had been awarded.

"For having my trunk packed neatly when we came home," was the camper's reply.

Her mother remarked how nice she thought that was.

"I hadn't unpacked it," the little girl explained with a smile.—*Grit.* n

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A successful business man was giving an address on "Commercial Acumen" to a class of students. In speaking of his career, he mentioned a certain firm that had been wound up on acc't of its shady practices.

"Of course," he said, "as soon as I realized there were possibilities of dishonest profit being made I got out of it."

Asked a cynical student: "How much?"—*Tit-Bits,* London. o

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It was Parents' Day at a small country school. Mrs. Smith was sitting with her eyes glued on the curtain when it suddenly rose on little Harry Jones attired in a toga. "Friends, Romans, countrymen," he declared, "lend me your ears." Leaning over her neighbor's shoulder, Mrs. Smith was heard to comment in an iron whisper, "Wouldn't be Matty Jones' boy if he wasn't borrowing something!"—*Rotarian.* p

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## Quote-ettes

Dr AMIEL CAPLAN, Brooklyn chiropodist: "As far as your feet are concerned, being 20 lbs overweight is just like carrying a 50-lb sack of potatoes around all day." 1-Q-t

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Unidentified press agent, discussing Rita Hayworth's performance in forthcoming motion picture, *Salome*: "She does the dance of the 7 veils. Keeps the last one on, of course." 2-Q-t

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Unidentified girl in Dubuque (Could she be a daughter of the "old lady in Dubuque" to whom household jnls have traditionally made their appeal?): "What with the taxes on whiskey, beer and cigarets, a decent girl is at a loss to find a wholesome pastime she can afford." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

Movies have hailed 3-D as the "answer to TV." They should have known better. Now American Television, Inc. has invented a workable 3-dimensional system for TV. According to U A Sanabria, American's pres, all it takes is standard equipment plus a \$50 mixing device for transmitting station and a \$10 viewing attachment for home set.

TV cameras send 60 images per second, twice the number actually needed. Under new system, 2 cameras send images alternately. Total is still 60 images per second, but

each camera sends only 30. Images are synchronized by the mixing device.

Viewing attachment on home set coordinates viewer's eyes with images from cameras. Attachment is a tube transmitting so that viewer's left eye sees images from left TV camera and his right eye, the images from right TV camera; gives 3-dimensional effect similar to that of stereopticon viewers, but with motion and without loss of detail.

First showings were March 22.

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